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In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.*

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Filing Date: February 15, 2001

For: Microparticles Produced From
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And
Their Use For The Controlled
Release Of Active Agents

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Tran, Susan T.

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed **January 27, 2003**
be extended one month so that it expires on May 27, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00. If a further extension is needed, such
extension is requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any other amount

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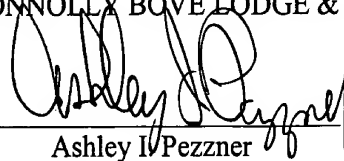
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Respectfully submitted,

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